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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

FRISCO, TX – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA), will arrive July 6, 2014, to examine all aspects of the Frisco Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief John W. Bruce announced today.

Verification by the team that the <u>Frisco Police Department</u> meets the Commission's state-of-the art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain reaccreditation—a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. The Frisco Police Department received their initial accreditation in August 2008 and reaccreditation in July 2011.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, July 7, at 5:30 p.m. The session will be conducted at the Frisco Police Department, located at 7200 Stonebrook Parkway. If for some reason an individual cannot attend the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, comments may be made by telephone at 972.292.6198 on Monday, July 7 between the hours of 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Frisco Police Department.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Frisco Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to the following: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155, attention to Karen Shepard.

Amy Williams, accreditation manager for the Frisco Police Department, noted that the assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The team leader is Captain (Ret) Jason Cassalia from Manlius Police Department, New York



and the team member is Chief (Ret) Louis Moreto from Manalapan Township Police Department, New Jersey.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted re-accredited status. Reaccreditation is for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which they were initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., you may contact the Commission in writing at the address provided earlier, call 703.352.4225, or email calea@calea.org.

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